AFL Convention Fight Due As 6 Unions Ask Sales Tax

A wide-open fight over a limited sales tax is expected to erupt at the State Federation of Labor convention tomorrow when resolutions favoring the controversial legislation will be introduced by the officers of six separate labor unions.

The resolutions, which range from pleas to outright demands for sales tax legislation, will be acted on by the 800 delegates attending the three-day convention at the Hotel Somerset.

A resolution asking the state federation to reaffirm its position of two years ago—when it vigorously opposed a sales tax law in any form—is also expected to be presented the delegates.

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Endorsement of the tax proposal will come from one of the state AFL's largest and strongest unions — the Massachusetts State Council, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes.

Other unions, whose officers will present similar resolutions, are Building Service Employes' International Union, Local 373; Brotherhood of Firemen, Oilers, Powerhouse Employes, Operators and Maintenance Men; Railway Patrolmen's Union; Hotel, Cafeteria and Waitresses Union, Local 277, and the Barbers, Hairdressers' and Cosmetologists' Union.

Among the signers of the Firemen and Oilers' resolution is Stephen E. McCloskey, president of the Boston Central Labor Union.

The resolution from the municipal employes states that the commonwealth's "financial crisis . . constitutes an emregency" and the only immediate and sensible remedy available at once, is the enactment of a three per cent limited sales tax.

DISMAL PICTURE

The waitresses charge that there is "a dark, dismal financial picture for our working people throughout the commonwealth" and suggest the sales tax "in order to hold the line and prevent further tax increases."

"The commonwealth of Massachusetts is now faced with its most serious financial dilemma since its birth . . . and only a sales tax at this time offers Massachusetts a way out of the financial labyrinth in which its finds itself," states the Barbers' Union resolution.

The railway patrolmen call the tax crisis not only a financial problem but also a "subtle moral threat" which they say is threatening to tax the working man and his family out of their homes.

A fifth resolution, from Local 373 of the Building Service Union, says that "one of the worst financial crisis which ever threatened a state government is now descending on the commonwealth."

OUT-MODED SYSTEM

"This crisis has been brought on in part by an archaic, outmoded tax system which is crying for remedy and the commonwealth sits idly by while free-spending vacationers and conventioneers spend multi-millions of dollars each year, while enjoying, tax free, Massachusetts' magnificent and varied services."

The resolution from the Firemen and Oilers notes, as do some of the others, that "the great majority of the state governments . . . have turned to some kind of sales tax program" and suggests such a proposal as "the only means of immediate aid to the 351 Massachusetts cities and towns which at this very moment are crying out for relief."

The outcome of the sales tax fight at the AFL convention is expected to have an effect on the sales tax vote at the joint AFL-CIO convention which opens Saturday at the Hotel Bradford. This will be the first merger meeting of the two giant labor organizations in Massachusetts.

Two years ago, when Gov. Furcolo waged an all-out battle for passage of a limited sales tax bill, the AFL was strongly against the measure, whereas the CIO membership was somewhat less hostile to the proposal.

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State CIO, AFL Merge; LaBlue Among Officers

By THOMAS O. MORTON

BOSTON — The long-awaited merger of the CIO and AFL in Massachusetts became a reality today following separate sessions of the two groups yesterday. The CIO's final meeting as an entity was about as boisterous as a wake, but the AFL rang down the curtains with fireworks. After a lengthy and heated debate, the craft-union delegates beat down a minority pushing for endorsement of Gov. Furcolo's proposed sales tax. All that remained for today's joint session was official adoption of a charter.

The meetings yesterday, though separate, included on their agendas the election of officers of the merged organization.

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LaBlue Elected

Arthur J. LaBlue, business agent of IUE Local 255 at the Pittsfield General Electric, was one of 14 CIO representatives elected as vice presidents to the 31-member Massachusetts AFL-CIO executive council. The other 17 vice presidents were elected by the AFL.

The IUE was the only CIO union to be allocated more than one vice president. Edward C. Brunell, 41-year old president of IUE Local 279 at the Chapman Valve plant in Springfield, also was elected a vice president. Both Brunnell and LaBlue have been members of the state CIO Executive Board for three years. A caucus of delegates representing IUE's 31,000 members in Massachusetts selected the two men, subject to routine confirmation by the CIO convention.

Planned Ahead

To avoid any possible hassle at today's merger meeting, AFL and CIO officials had reached agreement this fall on election of officers by the separate conventions rather than at the merger meeting. However, there will probably be a spirited fight for office when the new merged organization holds its second annual meeting in October, 1959.

J. William Belanger, president of the state CIO, was elected president of the merged union and Kenneth J. Kelley, secretary-treasurer and legislative agent for the AFL, was elected secretary-treasurer. As per prior agreement, each union put a man in one of the two posts of executive vice president. The CIO man is Salvatore Camelio, state director of the Rubber Workers; the AFL man, John Callahan, former president of the AFL. Only Kelley's office is a full-time paid job.

Department Heads Named

Also by prior agreement, department heads were named for the merged union. Joseph Cass was named to head the AFL-CIO committee on political education. Francis Lavigne of the AFL was named to the post of education and research director. James Broyer of the AFL Municipal Employes Union in Boston, was appointed director of the legislative department, and Gerard Kane, now editor of the state CIO News, was named director of publications and public relations. It is expected that Albert Cohen, who has been legislative agent for the CIO, will be Broyer's assistant.

The CIO delegates, meeting in a one-day convention at the Hotel Bradford, approved the proposed merger constitution without comment. The AFL convention, which opened Wednesday and closed last evening at the Hotel Somerset, approved the constitution only after leaders of the AFL building trades group won the inclusion of an amendment by which their jurisdiction in plant renovations and expansions would be fully recognized and respected by the merged organization.

Much of the time at the AFL convention was taken up in a fight over the proposed limited sales tax. Pro-sales tax motions were introduced at the AFL convention by six Boston locals.

Traditionally Against

Both the CIO and AFL historically have been opponents of any sales tax and both unions voiced that opposition when Gov. Furcolo tried unsuccessfully to get one passed by the Legislature last year.

The governor is expected to try again in 1959. The pro-sales tax move by the AFL minority group appears to be an effort to aid Furcolo by indicating that there is at least some labor support for such a measure.

AFL Secretary-Treasurer Kelley yesterday attacked the Furcolo proposal as a measure which "will create more problems than it will solve." Kelley called for an overhaul of the state's "chaotic tax structure" and recommended this five-point tax program.

1. A withholding tax system.
2. Elimination of the deductibility of federal taxes from state taxes.
3. State taxation of net rental income.
4. Better enforcement in the collection of taxes.
5. A graduated state income tax.

The CIO convention did not touch the sales tax question.

Meeting Under Way

The merger meeting of delegates was under way at the Hotel Bradford at noon today and thus far the sales tax issue had not reached the floor.

Belanger told The Eagle that he was confident the issue would not be discussed at today's merger session. "The agenda," said Belanger, "is limited solely to accomplishing the merger and receiving the official charter."

R. J. Thomas, special assistant to George Meany, national president of the AFL-CIO, and Hugh Thompson of Boston, New England regional director for the national merger union, were present for this morning's presentations.

Massachusetts is the 43rd state and the last New England state to accomplish its AFL-CIO merger. Nationally the two unions merged in December, 1955. The Massachusetts merger came one year after the original deadline set by the national organization. The year's delay was caused in large part by disputes about who should get what jobs in the new organization.

Labor Battle Looms Over Sales Tax

By MICHAEL H. BEATRICE

The resolutions committee of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor was reported unanimously opposed to a sales tax last night.

A strong bloc of six Greater Boston unions was striving to win labor's support for the tax at the 72d annual convention that opened yesterday at Hotel Somerset.

A spokesman said the committee had taken a firm position by unanimously concurring with an executive council resolution that calls for renewed opposition to the tax.

The committee will report to the 800 delegates attending this morning. Their decision is expected to touch off heated controversy.

Plans of merger for the federation and State C.I.O. Council were further complicated by hotel workers who revealed they have scheduled a secret strike vote for Friday afternoon.

A walkout of the union's 3500 employees would cripple 16 downtown hotels. Among them are the Somerset and the Hotel Bradford.

The C.I.O. state convention is scheduled for Friday at the Bradford. The two state bodies are to meet in a merger convention there on Saturday.

Unions prepared to strike are the Hotel, Cafeteria and Waitresses Union, Local 277; Bartenders and Dining Room Employees Union, Local 34, and Cooks and Pastry Workers Union, Local 186.

The dispute centers over wage hikes.

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Also in a stalemate was the constitutional committee. A spokesman said they were unable to reach agreement on whether department heads—there are four—of the merged organization will be appointed or elected.

They'll resume meetings this morning.

Yesterday the 800 delegates were addressed by State Commissioner of Labor Ernest A. Johnson, who pointed out the critical need for additional inspection personnel in building construction, and in industry using radioactive material.

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, scheduled to attend, sent a telegram informing the convention that he was forced to cancel the trip from Washington because of a severe cold.

Federation Pres. John A. Callahan presented a memorial plaque to the widow of Daniel J. Lawler, a former vice president of the state group.

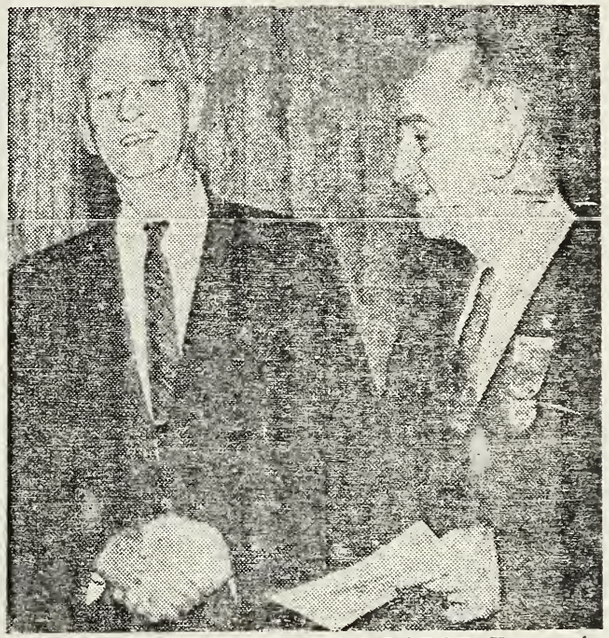
Lawler, a Springfield fireman, died when overcome by smoke while fighting a blaze last June 29. He was secretary-treasurer of Springfield Firefighters Union, Local 648, and vice president of the Springfield Central Labor Union.

A call for unity was expressed by Francis E. Lavigne, director of the committee on political education.

"It's going to be difficult to be sure," Lavigne said, referring to the coming merger. "Give it a try."

He said he was even assured the support of Teamster organization, if they were needed, in a strike or walkout. These men have had to leave the federation because of unfortunate circumstances, he added. But they realize the importance of unity in the labor movement, he pointed out.

Unexpected was the arrival of R. J. Thomas, executive assistant to A.F.L.-C.I.O. Pres. George Meany. His counterpart, Peter A. McGavin, will arrive Friday. The pair will supervise the merger and iron out any last-minute difficulties.



STATE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR Ernest A. Johnson (left), is welcomed to Massachusetts State Federation of Labor convention by John A. Callahan,

Bay State Labor Unions Merged Under Belanger

By MICHAEL H. BEATRICE

The Massachusetts F. of L. and C.I.O. merged yesterday, bringing together some 600,000 workers under one organization — the Massachusetts State Labor Council, A.F.L.-C.I.O..

It took almost three years to work out the final agreement but only minutes to ratify it.

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Top offices in the new organization were divided between the two older groups.

New president is J. William Belanger, New England regional director of the Textile Workers Union and former state C.I.O. president.

Kenneth J. Kelley of Hanover, former secretary treasurer and legislative agent of the old state F. of L., becomes secretary-treasurer of the merged group.

Aim of the merger is to have but one spokesman for organized labor at the State House. Belanger expressed the hope that this one voice will result in a more powerful influence by labor in state politics as well as community affairs.

Merger didn't come easy.

Until the actual merger convention, members of the Building Trades were adamant that the new organization take a firm stand to insure them continuance of their jurisdictional rights.

A resolution to this effect was adopted Friday when the state F. of L. met separately. the resolution was passed as an amendment to the new constitution.

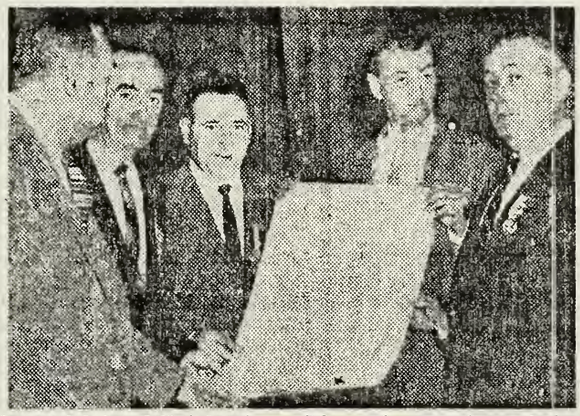
In this form it will be sent to Pres. George Meany of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. for final approval. It is doubted that he will approve since he has already told the national Building Trades group that state federations have no authority to settle jurisdictional disputes.

Hugh Thompson, regional director of the AFL-CIO, told the delegates that no longer was there an A F of L or a CIO in the state.

"Both are dead," he declared.

"We waked them this past week; buried them last night."

R. J. Thomas, assistant to Pres. Meany, who with Peter McGavin helped to effect the merger, warned that the fundamental three problems still facing labor are hours, wages and working conditions.



MERGED—Officials of new Massachusetts State Labor Council look at charter presented by R. J. Thomas (left), assistant of Pres. George Meany, AFL-CIO. Left to right, Thomas, John Callahan and Salvatore Camelio, executive vice presidents; Kenneth J. Kelley, secretary-treasurer, and J. William Belanger, president.

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State AFL-CIO To Be Formed Saturday

Berkshire Locals Sending Delegates To Boston Meetings

Delegates from many AFL and CIO locals in Berkshire County will be going to Boston this week for the last annual conventions of the two separate organizations, which will officially merge Saturday and become the Massachusetts AFL-CIO.

Nationally, the two labor organizations effected their merger in December, 1955. Massachusetts is one of the last states to complete its merger, which has been held up by disputes over who shall head the merged organization in the commonwealth.

According to reliable reports, J. William Belanger, state president of the Massachusetts CIO, is expected to be elected president of the merged organization. Kenneth J. Kelley, secretary-treasurer and legislative agent of the Massachusetts AFL, is slated to get the secretary-treasurer post in the new setup.

One Dispute To Be Resolved

Still to be resolved is a squabble over having the secretary-treasurer direct the legislative department of what will be the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. Representatives from both groups said this dispute will be resolved in time for the merger meeting Saturday.

It is expected that Albert Clifton, legislative agent for the state CIO, will be assigned to the legislative department of the new organization.

The AFL will hold its 72nd and final annual convention at the Hotel Somerset Wednesday through Friday. The CIO will convene at the Hotel Bradford Friday and the joint merger session will be held at the Bradford Saturday.

LaBlue, Kullas on Board

Arthur J. LaBlue, business agent of IUE-CIO Local 255 at the Pittsfield GE, and Henry Kullas of Adams, Berkshire County manager for the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, are members of the state CIO executive board to meet at the Bradford Thursday. It is not yet known whether Berkshire County will have a member on the merged executive board.

Other Local 255 members to attend the merger conventions are Albert F. Litano, president; Ralph J. Froio, vice president; Gerald F. Doyle, financial secretary, and K. John Sykes, recording secretary.

John E. Coughlin of Pittsfield, business agent of the AFL Painters Union Local 90, will attend the AFL and merger meetings.

Sales Tax Opposed

Salem News Dec. 4. '58

Merger Creates South Essex Labor Council

The Salem Central Labor Union, organized in 1901, held its final meeting last night, as it merged with the North Shore District Council, CIO, into a joint labor council which will hereafter be known as the South Essex County Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

The two groups, in a joint session, accepted the new constitution which covers the jurisdiction from Salem to Gloucester.

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OPPOSE SALES TAX

The new organization, which nominated officers, voted unanimously to oppose a sales tax in the state in any form, and John T. Walsh and Joseph Nabozny, delegates to the Massachusetts Federation of Labor convention now being held in Boston, were instructed to voice the stand of the new organization on the convention floor when the matter comes up.

Delegates from the motor coach operators unit received the full endorsement of the South Essex County Labor council to have their problem sent to an arbitration committee.

NEW OFFICERS

The officers for the new labor council will be elected and installed at the January meeting.

Nominated for president were Frank Murphy, plumbers, and and steamfitters, and Joseph Nabozny, motor coach operators.

Nominated unopposed for the other offices were: George Freitas, leather workers, vice president; Eugene F. Gilgan, electrical workers, financial secretary, and John T. Walsh, bartenders, recording secretary.

A.F.L., C.I.O. Set to Vote On Merger

Globe Dec. 6. '58

The Massachusetts Federation of Labor, A.F.L., and the state C.I.O. Industrial Council are scheduled to vote for a merger today at the Hotel Bradford.

The merger would end three years of joint meetings and will form an organization of about 400,000 members.

J. William Belanger, president of the C.I.O., will be president of the new merged group, with Kenneth J. Kelley, secretary-treasurer of the A.F.L., continuing his post with the newly-formed body.

Other officers of the merged group will be Salvatore Camelio, secretary-treasurer of C.I.O., and John A. Callahan, president of the A.F.L., assuming the offices of executive president.

The new officers were agreed on at seperate conventions of the C.I.O. and A.F.L. yesterday.

Yesterday the state A.F.L. ended its 72d and final convention at the Hotel Somerset after a bitter battle that resulted in the defeat of Gov. Furcolo's proposed 3 percent sales tax by a vote of 624 to 106.

Charges that the count was inaccurate and a rollcall had been denied were made by Stephen E. McCloskey, secretary treasurer of the Central Labor Union, and Louis Govoni, president of the Hotel, Cafeteria and Waitresses' Union.

Sunday Herald Dec. 7. '58

State AFL, CIO Merger Accomplished

1400 Delegates Elect Belanger, Vote Constitution

Two years of negotiations ended yesterday as the Massachusetts Federation of Labor and the state CIO emrged into one union of 400,000 members, to be called the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

Fourteen hundred delegates passed the merger resolution unanimously at a morning session at the Hotel Bradford.

That action came eight minutes after the convention was called to order by R. J. Thomas, assistant to George Meaney, president of the AFL-CIO.

NEW CONSTITUTION

Delegates also approved a new constitution in short order. It is subject to ratification by the national union.

J. William Belanger of West Roxbury, president of the state CIO for the last 10 years, will head the new union. John A. Callahan, AFL president, and Salvatore Camelio, CIO rubber workers union executive, were elected vice presidents. Kenneth J. Kelley, AFL secretary-treasurer, was named to that post in the combined AFL-CIO.

The joint meeting at the Bradford followed individual conventions of the two unions.

HAILED BY SALERNO

Joseph Salerno, a top CIO leader, hailed the merger as "one of the most important events in the history of labor in this state."

He predicted that the union will bring "less strikes, more industrial planning and less jurisdictional disputes.

"Greater participation by labor in the affairs of industry will result in greater production, better business, better profits and a better standard of living for all people," Salerno said.

James Broyer was named legislative agent for the union. Department heads named were Joseph Cass, committee on political education; Frank Lavigne, education and research, and Gerald Kable, publicity and public relations.

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State Labor Group Split on Sales Tax

The resolutions committee of the State Federation of Labor was expected to touch off a major fight at the organization's 72d—and last—annual convention today by coming out against a limited sales tax for Massachusetts.

By so doing, they would run counter to the wishes of six key unions, representing about 35,000 workers, which won an initial victory by inducing the 800 delegates to consider a resolution favoring the levy.

This was the first time that the Federation, historic foe of a sales tax, has ever shown any willingness to support this type of revenue measure.

The resolutions committee, in its report to the delegates, was expected to announce that it agreed unanimously with the stand of the Federation's executive council in opposition to the tax.

HOLD HIGH HOPES

The action would come as no surprise to those attending the convention sessions at the Hotel Somerset.

Despite this, proponents of the sales tax resolution held high hopes of winning convention approval. In addition to the six union who have come out flatly in favor of it, leaders of several other powerful labor groups have signified that they will vote for it when it reaches the floor for debate.

Pro-sales tax forces showed considerable strength when the delegates voted overwhelmingly to place the approving resolution on today's agenda.

They thus overturned a by-law prohibiting consideration of any resolution filed with the resolutions committee less than 30 days prior to the convention's opening.

BIGGEST ISSUE

The temper of the executive council was shown when Kenneth J. Kelly, secretary-treasurer of the Federation, read the pro-sales tax resolution from the rostrum but did not oppose the vote which followed.

He also read the anti-tax resolution submitted by the executive council, and urged that it be passed.

The sales tax issue overshadowed even the impending merger of the state branches of the AFL and the CIO, but the delegates were scheduled to take action today on the proposed constitution of the new organization.

Monitor
Dec. 8. '58

Simmering Issues Fog Unions' Try At Bay State Unity

By George H. Favre
Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Out of the newly formed Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, the most important immediate advantage to organized labor in the Bay State will be that it speaks with a single official voice on Beacon Hill.

J. William Belanger, first president of the new organization which results from the merger Dec. 6 of the State Federation of Labor and state CIO, took note of this in his inaugural talk.

This union, he stated, will result in a more powerful voice in both state and community affairs by organized labor.

But Mr. Belanger's optimism was in sharp contrast to the bitter wrangling within the now-defunct Massachusetts Federation of Labor during its three-day convention, when a strong minority group attempted to obtain backing of a limited sales tax.

Vote 'Rigging' Charged

The attempt was roundly beaten back late Friday afternoon, when the convention voted 624 to 106 against the sales tax, and thereby endorsed the federation's traditional strong stand against any kind of sales tax.

Some of the strength of this reaffirmation of federation sentiment opposing the sales tax, however, was dimmed by the circumstances of the vote. Stephen McCloskey, secretary-treasurer of the Boston Central Labor Union charged that the vote was "rigged," and that it was held in a small basement hall of the Somerset Hotel that could contain only 250 people, and not the 750 supposed to have voted.

The situation was further aggravated by the refusal of John A. Callahan, former president of the federation and now executive vice-president of the State Labor Council, to admit a roll-call motion demanded by Louis Govoni of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union.

Whatever the merits of Mr. McCloskey's charges of a rigged vote on the sales tax question, the bitterness of the fallout over it by a sizable and strong portion of the former MFL membership belies Mr. Belanger's hopes for a single voice speaking for labor on Beacon Hill.

Another dispute, only partially resolved at the MFL convention prior to Saturday's merger, indicates what may be an even large and more troublesome area of disagreement between the constitutionally unified bodies.

Amendment Effect Debated

Continuance of jurisdictional rights by the members of the building and construction trades unions was a difficulty which erupted several times during the MFL convention, until the trades unions finally pushed through a resolution amending the new constitution.

The vaguely worded amendment to the preamble of the constitution cites as a "condition of merger" that jurisdiction of the building trades must be "fully recognized and respected" by the merged organization, and that contracts with industry held by the trades unions shall not be "assaulted or harassed."

Legal opinion within the organization is that the amendment provides little if any protection for the trades unions, and that in any case it is not likely to be acceptable to the parent national AFL-CIO, which has ruled that state organizations have no authority to settle jurisdictional disputes.

Newly elected officers to the State Labor Council are: J. William Belanger, president; Salvatore Camelio and John Callahan, executive vice-presidents; and Kenneth J. Kelley, secretary-treasurer, a paid post. Department heads are Joseph Cass, committee on political education; Frank Lavigne, education and research committee; Gerald Kable, public relations; and James A. Broyer, legislative agent.

Labor in Row Over Sales Tax

Delegates Struggle For Use of Mikes

By WAYNE HANLEY

An unsuccessful move to bring a Massachusetts sales tax resolution on the floor late yesterday threw the AFL state convention into wild uproar with Stephen McCloskey of the Boston Central Labor Union charging state leadership with "Gestapo tactics."

Sandbagging Charged

"Thank God, we're merging with the CIO to get rid of people like you," McCloskey shouted at John A. Callahan, state AFL president. "You should be ashamed of yourself."

One of the more powerful supporters of the sales tax, McCloskey accused Callahan of "trying to sandbag through like you have railroaded everything else,"

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the State AFL Council's resolution condemning the sales tax.

The scuffle on the floor for control of three microphones indicated that delegates favoring a three per cent sales tax may show surprising strength when the issue comes to a vote today. Veteran observers said they never before had seen so much support for the tax at an AFL convention. The labor organization has a tradition of strong opposition to sales taxes in any form.

A move to table a resolution that would have thrown the tax issue on the floor yesterday—a day in advance—won an overwhelming voice vote. But state leaders still believe that the convention will vote against the tax.

Another stormy issue that will reach the floor today will center on the building and construction trades oppositon to merge with the CIO under the compromise constitution.

Leaders of the 30,000 building trades workers held a caucus yesterday afternoon at Hotel Somerset and reportedly voted to oppose the merger. The decision will not be made public until the merger debate today.

At issue is jurisdiction in plant renovations and expansions. The building trades fear that the line between what work falls under their jursdiction and what can be done by former CIO employes in the plants has not been drawn clearly enough.

MEANY AIDES HERE

Although a powerful force in the AFL, the building trades leaders probably cannot block the CIO-AFL merger scheduled for tomorrow at Hotel Bradford.

Two top trouble-shooters from the office of George Meany, AFL-CIO president, are in Boston to see that the merger, now delayed two years, goes through.

After the torrid sales tax debate, McCloskey apoligized to the convention "for intemperate remarks in the heat of discussion."

The fury began when a papermakers' delegate from Fitchburg moved to reconsider a morning session vote which barred discussion of the sales tax until today's session. Louis Govoni of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union asked for the delay because he had to attend afternoon negotiations on a new contract for 7000 workers. Govoni favors the tax.

McCloskey immediately charged Callahan with "harrassing the convention with Gestapo tactics."

"We have a mapority of the vote," McCloskey said, referring to sales tax proponents," but our people have gone home."

"LEFT IN GOOD FAITH"

William V. Ward, head of the State Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes and another sales tax backer, said proponents "left in good faith that they would have the opportunity of being heard tomorrow."

A bartender delegate challenged the move to reconsider as being made "by someone who not only was not in the affirmative but wasn't even in the room when the vote was taken."

A Lawrence delegate accused tax proponents "of tryin gto sandbag something" and added: "Any labor delegate who is sincere and not a stooge would be present in this room."

"Regardless of the personal attack made against me," Callahan said, "I shall act in fairneess to all and accept the motion to table. We will vote tomorrow."

A pressman delegate challenged the arbitrary tabling as not in accord with Roberts' Rules.

"What if it isn't?" asked Callahan, "It's in accord with common sense."

MOTION ACCEPTED

Callahan then submitted the table motion to vote and it was accepted overwhelmingly.

An unexpected contest developed for the state vice-president seat assi[illegible] to a woman. Alice Murray Connolly of the Boston Retail Clerks Union and state Democratic committeewoman, was named to oppose Helen T. O'Donnell of Milton, also of the Retail Clerks Union and present incumbent.

Other vice-presidency contests are in the Middlesex district where Lawrence Thompson of Waltham, Electrical Workers; Joseph D. McLaughlin of Cambridge, Street Carmen's, and John D. Craig of Boston Typographical Union were nominated for two seats, and in the Berkshire - Hampden - Franklin - Hampshire district where Edward Wall of Chicopee, Federal Labor; Roy Suprenant of Springfield Central Labor Union and Ralph Roberts of Springfield, Ladies Garment Workers, are running for two seats.

Callahan was unopposed in nomination for executive vice-president seat which will go to the AFL in the union merger. Kenneth J. Kelley, state AFL secretary-treasurer, was named as unopposed candidate for the secretary-treasurer seat which the AFL will receive in the combined union council.

The State CIO will meet today to elect a president, an executive vice-president, and 14 vice-presidents assigned to it in the merger agreement.

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Labor Merger Battle On

Opposing sides drew bitter battle lines today over the upcoming three per cent Mass. sales tax proposal as another issue moved to the forefront at the AFL convention—a building trades attempt to halt merger with the CIO. Earlier, Stephen McCloskey of the Boston Central Labor Union screamed "Gestapo tactics" at state leaders, blaming John A. Callahan, state AFL president, for a "railroad attempt."

McCloskey who is one of the leading supporters of the sales tax, charged Callahan with "trying to sandbag" a resolution through condemning the sales tax. His remarks, coupled with attempts of several others to speak over microphones at the same time, indicated a protracted fight on the measure.

Delegates opened their session while the State CIO was meeting to elect a president, an executive vice-president and 14 vice presidents assigned to the merger agreement.

Calahan, storm center in the tax fight, was unopposed in nomination fo rthe executive vice-president seat which will go to the AFL in the merger. Kenneth J. Kelley, state AFL secretary-treasurer is unopposed for the secretary-treasurer seat which the AFL will receive in the combined union council.

Leaders of the 30,000 building trades workers caucused prior to today's session, and reportedly voted to oppose the merger, but would not make their decision public until debate begins.

Two top trouble-shooters from the office of George Meany, AFL-CIO president, were in Boston today to guide the merger, delayed for the past two years.

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Sales Tax Rejected By Bay State AFL

By the Associated Press

Monitor Dec. 6, '58

Boston

The Massachusetts Federation of Labor convention last night rejected a state sales tax proposal by a vote of 624 to 106.

Stephen McCloskey, secretary, treasurer of the Boston Central Labor Union, charged the voting was "a flagrant violation of the constitution," that it was rigged, and that "you couldn't get a roll-call vote." He was a leader in the fight to have the AFL reverse its antisales tax stand.

Mr. McCloskey, supporter of the sales tax proposal, said John Callahan, MFL president refused to grant a motion for a roll-call vote after the show of hands was announced in opposition to the sales tax.

Mr. McCloskey said the sales tax resolution was voted on in a "small hall in the basement" of the Hotel Somerset where the annual convention was held.

"There were a lot of people not eligible to vote in the room," Mr. McCloskey declared. "There were 736 delegates eligible to vote in the convention but the room where the vote was taken holds only about 250."

The vote against the sales tax climaxed two days of controversy in the convention on the subject. The MFL has been traditionally opposed to a sales tax in any form and fought against Governor Furcolo's recommendation for such a levy in 1957.

Mr. McCloskey said the vote of 624 to 106 against the sales tax was "ridiculous," contending there were "not that many people in the room."

"They must have brought in a bunch of hoodlums," he declared. "There were people there without delegate badges and I didn't know most of them."

The demand for a roll call was made by Louis Govoni of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union. His motion was supported by William V. Ward, president of the State Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees.

Mr. Callahan described the sales tax as a "vicious piece of legislation." He said a sales tax would cost every person in the state $25 a year.

Mr. Callahan ruled against the roll-call motion and criticized Governor Furcolo as "the vicious Governor who tried to impose this unfair tax on the people."

Delegates will gather today with representatives of the CIO and are expected to effect a merger.

At a separate convention, the Massachusetts State CIO cleared the way for the merger by ratifying the constitution of the new, unified body and approving the selection of its long-time president, J. William Belanger, to head the new organization as president.

Salvatore Camelio of Boston, regional representative of the United Rubber Workers, will be an executive vice-president of the merged body.

Joseph Salerno, New England regional director of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, said the state must face the fact that cities and towns must have more money to operate. He urged that business join with labor and other groups to explore a solution of the problem.

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State AFL-CIO Merger Approved

Delegates Roar Approval

State AFL-CIO Merger Unanimously Approved

Fourteen hundred delegates, with a roaring shout, today unanimously passed a resolution merging the Massachusetts Federation of Labor with the CIO.

The action came within eight minutes after the convention was called to order at Hotel Bradford. Presiding was R. J. Thomas, assistant to George Meaney, president of the national AFL-CIO.

The combined state AFL-CIO thus brought 400,000 men and women into one powerful organization and came as a climax to two years of negotiations.

STILL FACES RATIFICATION

Thomas told the delegates that the constitution to be adopted by the joint convention still faces

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ratification by the national AFL-CIO.

The four top executives of the merged organization, elected in advance of the actual merger compact, were:

President J. William Belanger, of West Roxbury, textile unionist and president of the State CIO for the past 10 years.

Executive vice-president: John A. Callahan, state AFL president and Salvatore Camelio, CIO rubber workers union executive.

Secretary-Treasurer, Kenneth J. Kelley, AFL legislative agent and AFL secretary-treasurer.

The merger was hailed by Joseph Salerno, top CIO leader, as "one of the most important events in the history of labor in this state."

Salerno, New England director of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, continued:

"Enemies of labor will not be able to divide us. The merger is similar to a marriage—there is no divorce.

"There will be less strikes, more industrial planning and less jurisdictional disputes.

"Greater participation by labor in the affairs of industry will result in greater production, better business, better profits and a better standard of living for all people."

John Leonard made a strong appeal for labor support in the union's strike against the Eastern Massachusetts Railway St. Co. He is president of the striking 1200-member Bus Drivers Union.

Leonard told the new organization, the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, "We are fighting now and I ask for your moral support."

He asked the delegates to "flood the governor in his office" with appeals for action.

Leonard was strongly critical of Gov. Furcolo. He said the governor had not made good on promises of help. "I am now still waiting for that help," he said.

He also accused the Eastern Mass. of tryingto break up the union and of "buying up" union leaders.

The joint meeting at the Bradford followed individual conventions held yesterday by the CIO and the AFL.

The stormy AFL session at the Somerset Hotel was in marked contrast to the serene CIO gathering. Both groups took a firm stand against Gov. Furcolo's proposed limited 3 per cent sales tax.

GROUP STRONGLY AGAINST SALES TAX

The fight over the sales tax overshadowed the AFL conclave. But at the conclusion, the announced vote was 624 to 106 against the sales tax. The vote was by a show of hands.

AFL Pres. Callahan struck at the proposal calling it "the most vicious piece of legislation any governor or public official could try to impose on our state."

Boston labor leader Stephen E. McCloskey denounced the anti-sales tax as "a lousy, flagrant violation of the rules. Officers of the Federation sandbagged it right through."

McCloskey, who led the floor fight for support of the sales tax, charged there were many strangers on the convention floor who did not wear delegate badges.

"It was rigged," he charged.

The confused situation was the result of a change in the convention locale. Time ran out on the AFL's use of the main ballroom, and the delegates had to use the smaller Princess ballroom.

Labor Merger Leaders

TOP MEN in state AFL-CIO merger, representing 400,000 rank and file members, shake hands at Hotel Bradford joint convention. Left to right are Salvatore Camelio, executive vice president, J. William Belanger, president, and Kenneth J. Kelley, executive secretary-treasurer. Camelio and Belanger were CIO choices for the jobs. Kelley won secretary-treasurer of the state AFL before today's merger.

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Massachusetts, Political Bankrupt

In Massachusetts today there simply isn't any political party. Oh, sure, there are organizations denominated Republican and Democratic which put candidates up and collect and spend money for campaigns. But there is no party with a coherent and intelligent program for the restoration of sound government to the state, no party with a will to do anything more than play around with all the tired old election gimmicks.

The state is politically bankrupt.

We are cowering under a financial crisis that defies solution by any bearable tax program. Yet neither so-called party has offered any remotely adequate leadership to meet the issue.

Our governmental structure, and particularly our state-local relationships, totters with age and inefficiency, yet there is no party program to rehabilitate it.

Business insists that the political climate here is not good, yet neither party has worked consistently even to find out whether the complaint is justified.

Our collapsing public transportation systems, our chaotic metropolitan planning, our school financing distress, our fabulous pension complex—the list is long, the need is urgent.

Yet what do the parties offer us? Expensive housing for the aged. Higher unemployment compensation benefits. A woman on the public utilities commission. All the worn-out old political cliches that conceal the lack of any responsible plan to meet the state's really vital problems.

Now that the Democrats have won so handily without offering anything but chocolate-frosted pap, no one can expect from them the kind of leadership the state so desperately needs. Anyone who has watched the State House in recent years could write the governor's coming inaugural address without difficulty, even down to the noble platitudes.

If any massive reconstruction is to be brought about, it will have to be the Republican party that does it.

Can it meet the challenge? Can it resist the temptation to take the easy way and rely on campaign expedients to do in 1960 what it so signally failed to do in 1958 with the same expedients?

Is the fate of the Republican party to be decided by Representative Giles, probable minority leader, who plans to sit back for a year and watch everything the Democrats do?

Is the fate of the Republican party to be decided by Senator Holmes, possible Senate minority leader, who as president let two years of Republican majority in that chamber slip by fruitlessly?

Is the fate of the party to be decided by organizing better town committees or passing around a bigger hat?

Not likely!

But a revivified Republican party, which demonstrated by a wise study of governmental problems and the formulation of a program adequate to the challenge of the day, could go before the electorate in 1960 with something of imposing value. It could be that what is best for the party is best for Massachusetts.

Such a policy could liquidate the political bankruptcy that now exists. It could rally those more eminent Republicans who now decline to lend their prestige as candidates to a party that has nothing else to offer.

But above all it could supply to Massachusetts the effective leadership it so sadly lacks.

The choice for Republicanism is clear—a sterile, pettyfogging opposition to a triumphant and exuberant Democratic administration, or a courageous, statesmanlike attack on urgent state problems that will not be otherwise met.

Who are there in the party with the boldness and vision to do this thing that needs to be done?

Labor Convention Side-Steps Hot Issue of Massachu

Committee Still Debating, One of the Officers Says

By WAYNE HANLEY

The AFL State convention yesterday sailed through a list of resolutions but side-stepped the hot issue of a state sales tax.

Joseph McCarthy of Boston, vice-chairman of the resolutions committee, informed delegates that the committee "still is debating a series of sales tax resolutions" and that none was ready for action.

ADMIT RESOLUTION

A few minutes earlier delegates had voted without opposition to admit for consideration the sixth resolution endorsing a three per cent limited sales tax. The resolution was framed by William V. Ward, head of the State Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes. Ward has masterminded a drive to reverse the traditional AFL position against any sales tax.

Despite the flurry of resolutions favoring the sales tax, labor veterans saw them as having little chance of success. Standing against floor-inspired resolutions is a State AFL Executive Council resolution condemning sales taxes in vigorous language.

A disappointment of the afternoon session was the failure of James P. Mitchell, U. S. secretary of labor, to appear for the principal address. A text of the Mitchell speech, assuring Massachusetts of a prosperous 1959, was released in Washington. But no one appeared to read it at the convention. Mitchell sent a telegram explaining he had a bad cold and could not attend.

In the prepared speech, Mitchell referred to Massachusetts as a research center and forecast a boom in Greater Boston construction, shipbuilding and electronics.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

"There are a great number of things that indicate an economic resurgence," Mitchell wrote. "The employment stability here during the recession laid a good groundwork."

Ernest A. Johnson, state labor commissioner, reviewed Massachusetts labor legislation.

Among resolutions passed:

A rapid transit public safety measure aimed at preventing the MTA from reducing the number of guards employed on trains.

A condemnation of "the notoriously lax enforcement policies" of the State Alcoholic Beverages Commission, aimed at preventing discount sales of liquor.

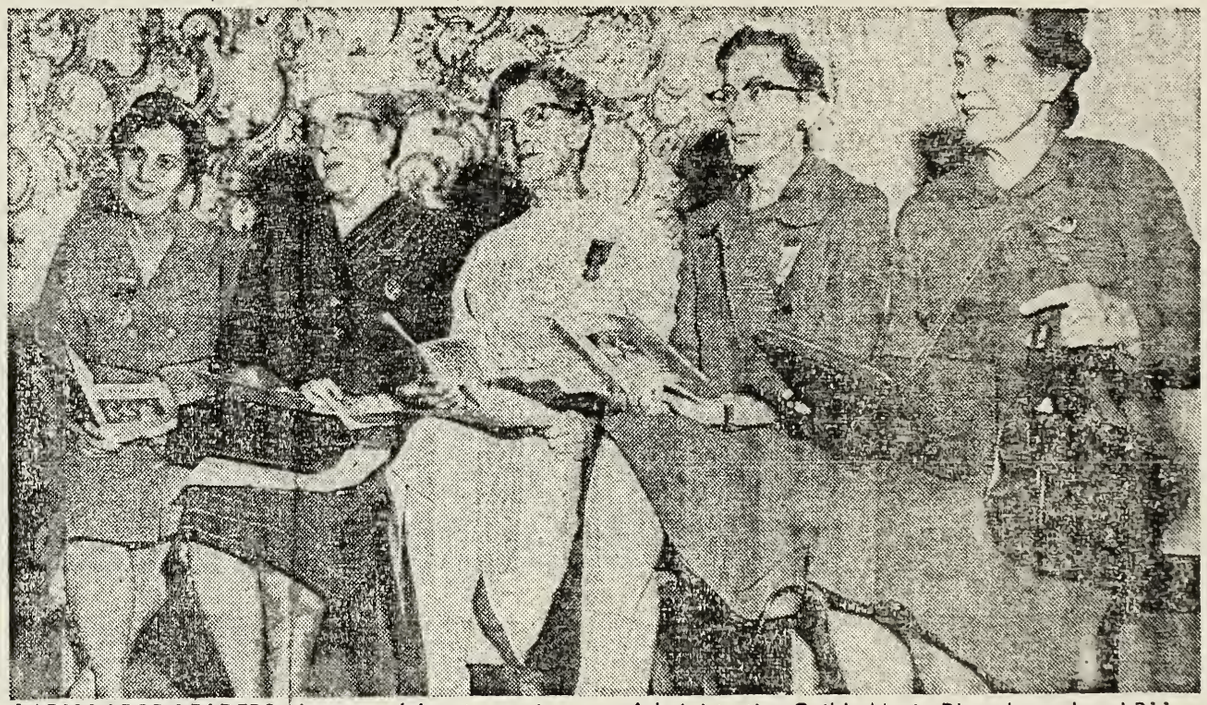
A demand that all businesses except those exempted under blue laws be closed Sundays and holidays.

A ban on integration of police and fire departments, which it recognized as a growing threat.

The convention also approved federal aid to education, asked that teachers be given duty-free lunch periods, objected to lengthening of the school day and opposed merit-rating systems for school teachers.

Francis E. Lavigne, AFL education director, urged unions to grant larger college scholarships to high school seniors. He pointed out that the AFL has given $50,000 in scholarships aid in Massachusetts in the last 10 years.

"We must raise the value of scholarships," he said, "to meet the competition of the N.A.M. and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. We're all bidding for the minds of the young.



LADY LABOR LEADERS who were delegates yesterday to AFL state convention at Hotel Somerset included, from left, Dorothy Bibbey of Local 296, Municipal Employes; Mildred Francis, Local 398, Administrative Guild; Marie Bloomburg, Local 211, Building Service Employes; Sally Parker, national representative, American Federation of Teachers, and Ann M. Bak, Local 211.

Hotel Strike Threat Overhangs Mass. Labor Federation Talks

HONORARY DELEGATE—State Sen. John E. Powers (D-South Boston) receives badge from Pres. John Callahan, Massachusetts A.F.L., at federation's last convention.

By MICHAEL H. BEATRICE

Delegates to the Massachusetts Federation of Labor convention will have to move into high gear at today's session if they're to be ready for tomorrow's merger meeting with the State C.I.O. Council.

When the delegates adjourned at Hotel Somerset yesterday afternoon, four major issues were left unresolved:

They had not ironed out the sales tax dispute.

They had not ratified the merger constitution.

They had not settled jurisdictional demands of the building trades.

They had not elected officers.

Nomination of officers went off as scheduled with only two vice president seats being contested. Several resolutions were adopted.

But an uproar over sales tax resolutions consumed much time during the afternoon meeting. And the possibility of a hotel strike was becoming increasingly strong.

A motion to defer action on the sales tax until today passed the morning meeting. When the delegates returned in the afternoon, a second motion was made for reconsideration. This touched off the squabble.

Frank Bolk of Gardner, Local 431 of the paper makers' union, asked for reconsideration after secretary-treasurer Kenneth J. Kelley had been ruled out of order on a similar plea. Kelley was absent when the postponement motion was carried and declared ineligible to call for reconsideration.

William V. Ward, president of the State County and Municipal Workers; Herbert A. Jess, bartenders' Local 34, and Stephen A. McCloskey of the Boston Central Labor Union, urged deferment.

Jess argued that representatives of the hotel and restaurant workers' union—proponents of the tax—were absent because of a meeting with the hotel association.

John A. Callahan, federation president, ruled that the matter be continued rather than see the convention get completely out of hand. A technical point was raised and the question was put to the body which voted to lay the matter on the table until this morning.

Louis R. Govoni, president of the Hotel Workers Local 277, reported last night that ballot will be taken today as planned, he stated.

Building trades representatives who caucused yesterday were reported ready to oppose the merger with C.I.O. Jurisdictional difference with C.I.O. industrial unions is the basis of their stand.

Nominations assured Pres. Callahan the office of executive vice president in the new group with Kelley as secretary-treasurer. New vice-presidents assured of election via nomination are Vincent DiNunno, district one, Suffolk County, and Lawrence Thomson, district four, Middlesex.

Labor Battle Looms Over Sales Tax

By MICHAEL H. BEATRICE

The resolutions committee of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor was reported unanimously opposed to a sales tax last night.

A strong bloc of six Greater Boston unions was striving to win labor's support for the tax at the 72d annual convention that opened yesterday at Hotel Somerset.

A spokesman said the committee had taken a firm position by unanimously concurring with an executive council resolution that calls for renewed opposition to the tax.

The committee will report to the 800 delegates attending this morning. Their decision is expected to touch off heated controversy.

Plans of merger for the federation and State C.I.O. Council were further complicated by hotel workers who revealed they have scheduled a secret strike vote for Friday afternoon.

A walkout of the union's 3500 employees would cripple 16 downtown hotels. Among them are the Somerset and the Hotel Bradford.

The C.I.O. state convention is scheduled for Friday at the Bradford. The two state bodies are to meet in a merger convention there on Saturday.

Unions prepared to strike are the Hotel, Cafeteria and Waitresses Union, Local 277; Bartenders and Dining Room Employees Union, Local 34, and Cooks and Pastry Workers Union, Local 186.

The dispute centers over wage hikes.

Also in a stalemate was the constitutional committee. A spokesman said they were unable to reach agreement on whether department heads—there are four—of the merged organization will be appointed or elected.

They'll resume meetings this morning.

Yesterday the 800 delegates were addressed by State Commissioner of Labor Ernest A. Johnson, who pointed out the critical need for additional inspection personnel in building construction, and in industry using radioactive material.

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, scheduled to attend, sent a telegram informing the convention that he was forced to cancel the trip from Washington because of a severe cold.

Federation Pres. John A. Callahan presented a memorial plaque to the widow of Daniel J. Lawler, a former vice president of the state group.

Lawler, a Springfield fireman, died when overcome by smoke while fighting a blaze last June 29. He was secretary-treasurer of Springfield Firefighters Union, Local 648, and vice president of the Springfield Central Labor Union.

A call for unity was expressed by Francis E. Lavigne, director of the committee on political education.

"It's going to be difficult to be sure," Lavigne said, referring to the coming merger. "Give it a try."

He said he was even assured the support of Teamster organization, if they were needed, in a strike or walkout. These men have had to leave the federation because of unfortunate circumstances, he added. But they realize the importance of unity in the labor movement, he pointed out.

Unexpected was the arrival of R. J. Thomas, executive assistant to A.F.L.-C.I.O. Pres. George Meany. His counterpart, Peter A. McGavin, will arrive Friday. The pair will supervise the merger and iron out any last-minute difficulties.

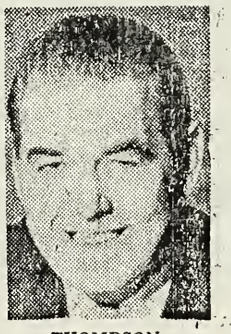
The United States parcel post system was inaugurated in 1913.

Political Pulse By Cornelius Dalton

20 P.C. Of Bills Filed Made Law

MORE than 2,900 bills have been filed for consideration by the Legislature during the 1959 session. Several hundred more will be admitted later under suspension of rules.

This year's total is less than the number of bills filed in the past two years — a fact of no great significance but one which provoked various rumors in the legislative corridors.



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One rumor was that the Democratic leaders had instructed their members to make themselves less available to citizens who wanted to submit bills. (A legislator's signature is required on all petitions.)

There were fewer legislators than usual around the offices of the House and Senate clerks during the last few days before the filing deadline. And the final hours were less hectic than in recent years.

But the rumor was just a rumor, Some bill-filers had difficulty finding the legislators they wanted but there was no conspiracy to restrict the constitutional right of free petition.

Sen. John E. Powers, who will be the new president of the Senate, and House Speaker John F. Thompson did caution Democratic legislators about filing perennial bills and those involving big expenditures. But there were no orders to refuse to sign petitions submitted by constituents.

The large number of bills filed, although less than in the past two years, has precipitated the annual agitation for reform of our legislative system to cut down the length of sessions.

There is a relationship between the number of bills and the length of sessions but it is very slight. Legislatures which sat only six months have had approximately the same work load as others which kept going into the fall.

Another misconception is that most of the bills filed are useless or worse, and that only a small fraction of them ever become law.

Actually a surprisingly large percentage of measures submitted to the Legislature are enacted every year.

Last session, 842 acts and resolves were approved by the General Court and signed by the governor. The total was 932 in 1957, 904 in 1956, 933 in 1955, and 813 in 1954.

About 4,000 measures were considered by the last Legislature, which means that about 20 per cent of them were adopted. The percentage of enactments was approximately the same in the other years.

It is true that many of the bills introduced every session are perennials which have no chance of adoption. They increase the burden on the legislative clerks and they cost money to print, but they are not the cause of marathon sessions.

Sessions are prolonged by a small number of controversial issues and political jockeying, not by the hundreds of routine bills which are disposed of in a routine way.

Various reforms to shorten legislative sessions are now being studied on Beacon Hill.

Under one proposal, a bill rejected during the first year of the two-year session would be barred from consideration the second year except under suspension of rules.

There is considerable doubt that such a rule would be effective.

It would take weeks, if not months, to sort out and check bills to determine whether they had been previously rejected. And the authors of perennial bills, particularly legislators, would find it easy to change a measure sufficiently to qualify it for admission under the proposed rule.

The one sure way to shorten legislative sessions is to stop talking about the perennials and force a quick showdown on the controversial issues.

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State AFL, CIO Merge; 600,000 In United Group

The Massachusetts Federation of Labor and the State Congress of Industrial Council merged today at the Hotel Bradford with a unanimous vote of 1500 delegates.

The new body will be known as the Massachusetts State Labor Council, A.F.L.-C.I.O., and will represent close tto 600,000 workers.

J. William Belanger, president of the new group, told the delegates that "along with a greater responsibility the new organization would have greater opportunities to solve Massachusetts problems since they now represent close to 600,000 workers.

"This gives us a stronger voice. . . . We must be mindful of the economic needs of the state and he prepared to contribute to improving this condition. . . . What is good for the Commonwealth is good for use," he said.

"We should not just take an attitude of dejection and despair, but approach the future with confidence. The merger will justify this hope and confidence.

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"We must make our mind up today that there are no longer A.F.L. or C.I.O. workers in Massachusetts . . . only A.F.L.-C.I.O. workers," he asserted.

R. J. Thomas, executive assistant to Pres. George Meany of the National A.F.L.-C.I.O. brought congratulations from Meany and said that the problem of organized labor is still fundamentally the big three problems—hours, wages and working conditions."

The new department directors of the organization were announced as Joseph Cass, committee on political education; Frank Lavigne, education and research; Gerard Kable, publicity and public relations, and James Broyer, legislative agent.

Guests present included Hugh Thompson, New England regional director of A.F.L.-C.I.O., and Joseph Salerno, regional director of Almalgamated Clothing Workers.

Today's action of the Massachusetts union groups made it the 43d state in the country and th elast state in New England to merge.

Crisis Seen If Sa

AFL building tradesmen today accused CIO industrial unions of stealing work in Massachusetts belonging to craft unions.

The charge was made by Michael Harington at a a stormy session of the 72nd and final convention of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor at the Hotel Somerset.

WANT GUARANTEE OF PROTECTION

Harrington is a high ofocial of the Piledrivers Union.

"We don't care what the top officers and big wheels of the international unions tells us," he said.

"We still want a guarantee to protect the craft unions."

Cornelius J. Ryan, of the Hoisting Engineers, predicted the building trades throughout the country will break away from the AFL-CIO if the jurisdictional question is not settled.

WROTE AMENDMENT INTO CONSTITUTION

The spokesmen for the building trades unions representing 30,000 workers, succeeded in writing an amendment into the propsed AFL-CIO constitution.

The constitution comes up for adoption tomorrow at Hotel Bradford when the AFL and CIO are supposed to merge.

John E. Deady, secretary-treasurer of the Metropolitan Boston Construction Council, offered the amendment. It was overwhelmingly approved by the 800 delegates. It said:

"It is understood as a condition of merger that the jurisdiction of building trades unions will be fully recognized and respected by the merged organization and they will no longer be assailed and harassed."

Prior to the outbreak, Legislative Agent Kenneth J. Kelley said a sales tax in Massachusetts will create more problems than it will solve. He said it will create problems for government and industry "to say nothing of the taxpayer."

Kelley favored the withholding tax and a graduated income tax.

Earlier, a union official warned that the state's 30,000 employees will face "payless pay days" unless the sales tax is enacted.

Stephen E. McCloskey, secretary-treasurer of the Boston Central Labor Union, said the state's $64 million deficit continues to grow.

"Something must be done to meet this crisis head-on," he said. "We could find ourselves in a situation similar to the period after the Civil War when payless pay days existed."

McCloskey and a group of labor leaders are in one corner of a showdown battle today over the controversial sales tax.

They are seeking an endorsement of the tax at the final session of the 72nd Massachusetts Federation of Labor convention. More than 800 delegates are in attendance at the Hotel Somerset.

The state AFL's executive council is asking the delegates to reaffirm their position of a year ago against a sales tax for Massachusetts.

A stormy battle loomed as both sides in the red hot controversy prepared to fight the issue on the convention floor.

The result of the sales tax fight may have some effect on action to be taken at the Hotel Bradford tomorrow.

That's when the 800 AFL delegates will join hands with 600 CIO delegates in a merger of the state AFL and state CIO. CIO delegates gathered in the Hub today for a pre-merger convention.

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State AFL, CIO Merge After 3 Years' Effort

The Massachusetts Federation of Labor and the State Congress of Industrial Organizations met in joint convention yesterday and merged formally and harmoniously into the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

J. William Belanger, who has headed the state CIO for the past 10 years, was elected first president of the new organization, and John A. Callahan, last president of the Federation, was named executive vice president of the Council.

The 1500 delegates approved the merger, ending almost three years of bickering over details of combining the organizations, by voice vote, without dissent or debate. The slate of officers also was elected on voice vote.

The successful merger of the two groups was supervised by Peter McGavern and Roger H. Thomas, who represented George Meany, international president of the AFL-CIO.

McGavern attended the final three-day convention of the Federation, and Thomas administered the oath of office to Belanger, a West Roxbury resident.

"We now face a great new challenge," Belanger told the delegates.

Other officers elected at the joint convention in the Hotel Bradford were:

Salvatore Camelio, CIO, executive vice president; Kenneth J. Kelley, AFL, secretary-treasurer; James Broyer, AFL, legislative agent; Francis E. Lavigne, AFL, educational director; Joseph Cass, CIO, political education director, and Gerard Kable, CIO, public relations counsel. Thirty-one vice presidents, 17 from AFL unions and 14 from CIO unions, also were named.

In one of its first formal acts, the newly-formed State Labor Council announced the award of five scholarships. They were $500 to Joseph Gordon of Boston Latin School; $500 to Marie Begin to Jeremiah E. Burke High School; $125 to Mary Gilmore of Waltham High School; $75 to Rhoda U. Krey of Haverhill High School, and $50 to Roberta Thomas of Hingham High School.

Affairs Of State

By David Lawrence

Political Financing Is Hidden Scandal

WASHINGTON — The biggest scandal in Washington never emerges above the surface to make the headlines.

The federal laws forbidding labor unions and corporations from making political campaign contributions are being constantly violated.

Although the present law has been on the statute books for eleven years, there have been only four prosecutions by the Department of Justice.

Due to technicalities, it has failed to get any convictions.

LAWRENCE

The New York Herald Tribune on Wednesday of this week published a brief dispatch from Washington which said:

"The Senate Rackets Committee is having some second thoughts about a projected investigation of union political contributions.

"Such a probe, it is felt, might well disclose that a good many senators from both parties were recipients of campaign gifts obtained from union dues in violation of the Taft-Hartley Act."

It has been conceded that in the recent congressional election 172 of the winning candidates for the House of Representatives got labor-union support of a financial nature.

Many millions of dollars collected from union members were spent.

Will people begin to think that there is something questionable about the congressional set-up?

One would suppose that the members of Congress themselves would wish to have their names cleared of any scandal.

Many of them doubtless would argue conscientiously that they believe the law is unconstitutional.

If it is unconstitutional, then they should be advocating its repeal so that corporations as well as labor unions would have the opportunity to spend their money freely in political campaigns.

When the four cases involving prosecutions for violation of the federal law were tried, the Supreme Court did not clarify the constitutional issues. It turned the cases back to the lower courts on technical grounds.

In a pamphlet analyzing the status of the present law and court decisions, a prominent law firm here, Gall, Lane & Howe, states the following conclusions:

"The statute has been so rewritten by the Supreme Court —primarily out of constitutional considerations—that it is now difficult to identify the former statute with the present law.

"As to particular union political activities and the expenditures therefor, the law now appears to be:

"Union 'contributions' of general union funds directly to candidates for federal office or their political committees are forbidden.

"It is a violation for a union to 'expend' union funds for commercial television broadcasts or other political activities with the intent to influence the general electorate in federal elections.

"General union funds made available to union political action committees such as C. O. P. E. may be illegally 'expended' or 'contributed' if the funds have been involuntarily exacted from union members."

Isn't it a basic "civil right" for the nation to be assured that elections are honestly conducted?

How can Americans criticize the lawless methods of the Soviets when in this country corruption is countenanced in the very selection of members to the nation's top legislative body?

It's a question to which the answer is simple—politics and expediency.

Union Council shall be retained at no reduction in salary in the merged organization.

(g) The convention of the merged organization shall be its supreme governing body.

IV. FINANCES

(a) The merged organization shall succeed to all the assets, including unpaid dues of affiliated organizations, and assume all of the liabilities of each of the contracting parties. The merged organization shall honor all existing agreements of either party excepting such agreements which may violate this merger contract or the Constitution of the merged organization. Each organization further agrees to an exchange of audits of the respective organization's finances covering a twelve-month period ending November 30, 1958.

(b) Each affiliated union shall pay into the treasury of the merged organization a per capita tax of five (5) cents per month for each member in good standing. Local unions with sixty (60) or less members and local central bodies shall pay a minimum of three (3) dollars monthly.

V. METHOD OF MERGER

It is agreed that the merger shall be effected by the following procedure:

(a) This merger agreement shall be submitted for approval to the convention of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor and the convention of the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council.

(b) The proposed Constitution of the merged organization shall be submitted for approval to the convention of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor and the convention of the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council.

(c) Upon approval by the separate conventions of the merger agreement, the proposed Constitution of the merged organization, and such other agreements as are necessary to accomplish the merger, a joint convention shall be held.

(d) The joint convention shall be held in the city of Boston, on the 6th day of December, 1958, subject to the consummation of the merger by the separate conventions.

For the Massachusetts Federation of Labor	For the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council

Dated this_____day of December, 1958.

Agreement for the Merger of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor and the Mass. State Industrial Union Council

December 6, 1958

Boston, Mass.

Agreement for the Merger of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor and the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council

I. AGREEMENT TO MERGE

Pursuant to the merger of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the Massachusetts Federation of Labor and the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council agree to merge to create a single State Labor organization which shall be known as the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO. To accomplish this end, the following principles and procedures are declared:

II. PRINCIPLES OF MERGER

(a) This merged organization shall be affiliated with and subordinate to the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations and subject to the Constitution and Rules of the National AFL-CIO.

(b) All organizations affiliated with either the Massachusetts Federation of Labor or the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council at the time of the consummation of this merger shall automatically be affiliated with the merged organization and shall be privileged to remain affiliated in accordance with the Constitution of the merged organization and of the AFL-CIO.

(c) All of the terms, conditions and principles of the basic documents by which the AFL and CIO achieved the merger of those organizations into the AFL-CIO shall govern the merger of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor and the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council to the extent applicable.

(d) Pursuant to the National AFL-CIO Constitution, the merged organization shall be based upon a constitutional recognition that both craft and industrial unions are appropriate, equal and necessary as methods of trade union organization, and we recognize the rights of each respective craft, trade and industrial unions.

III. GOVERNMENT AND STRUCTURE OF THE MERGED ORGANIZATION

(a) It is agreed that the government and structure of the merged organization shall be as set forth in the proposed constitution when ratified and adopted by conventions of each party to this agreement.

(b) The officers of the merged organization shall consist of a President, two Executive Vice-Presidents and a Secretary-Treasurer who shall be the executive officers, and thirty-one (31) Vice-Presidents who together shall constitute the Executive Council. The initial term of office for the officers and Executive Council members shall be until the next regular convention. Thereafter they shall be elected and serve as provided for in the Constitution. Initially, one Executive Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer and seventeen (17) Vice-Presidents shall be elected from unions now affiliated with the Massachusetts Federation of Labor; the President, one Executive Vice-President and fourteen (14) Vice-Presidents shall be elected from unions now affiliated with the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council.

(c) Each of the separate organizations shall elect its allotted executive officers and Vice-Presidents at its separate pre-merger convention pursuant to its previous methods. When so elected, they shall be certified to the joint merger convention and installed as officers of the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, until the next regular convention.

(d) It is agreed that at the next convention following the merger convention of the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, there shall be submitted to the convention a plan outlined by the merged Executive Council for the method of electing Vice-Presidents for the future.

(e) It is agreed that the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, shall have the following Departments:

Committee on Political Education
Education and Research
Legislative
Publications and Public Relations

Initially, the Director of the COPE Department shall be selected by the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council; the Director of the Education and Research Department shall be selected by the Massachusetts Federation of Labor; the Director of the Legislative Department shall be selected by the Massachusetts Federation of Labor; and the Director of the Publcations and Public Relations Department shall be selected by the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council.

(f) Initially, all full-time personnel of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor and the Massachusetts State Industrial

Karl F. Feller
International President

United Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink

Arthur P. Gildea
Secretary-Treasurer

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

December 2, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger
President
Massachusetts State Council
Room 328 - 18 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Bill:

I talked with the Senator regarding your gracious offer to have him speak at the banquet, but he regrets he will be unable to take advantage of your kind offer.

He wanted to be particularly remembered to you and he is deeply appreciative of all the kindnesses you have extended to him.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Frank

Francis X. Morrissey

1702 Federal Building
Boston 9, Massachusetts

Karl F. Feller
International President

Thomas Rusch
Director of
Organization

International Union of United Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink and Distillery Workers

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Joseph E. Brady
Director of
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October 16, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State CIO
Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Belanger:

I was very gratified to receive your fraternal invitation to attend a dinner for the executive officers and board members which, you advise, is to be held on December 5, 1958. I will consider it an extreme pleasure to accept the invitation extended through yourself and Brother Camelio. I will be looking forward to renewing acquaintances with all my good friends in the Massachusetts State CIO.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Arthur P. Gildea

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Secretary-Treasurer

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CC: Mr. Salvatore Camelio

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November 21, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Mr. Salvatore Camelio, Secretary-Treasurer
Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Brothers Belanger and Camelio:

This will gratefully acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 17 wherein you enclosed an invitation to attend a dinner on the eve of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO Merger Convention, which is to be held on Friday evening, the fifth of December.

My present transportation arrangements provide for my arrival in Boston at 4:55 P.M. and I will immediately proceed to Club 57. Unfortunately, due to our General Executive Board meeting being held this same week, I will be unable to break away until Friday noontime.

I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting all my good friends of the Massachusetts State CIO.

Fraternally yours,

Arthur P. Gildea
Secretary-Treasurer

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION OF LABOR AND COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXHIBIT 1

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1958

ASSETS

Cash	$ 1,280.32
Dues Receivable	2,981.94
Accounts Receivable - Year Book Advertising	900.00
U. S. Government Securities - At Cost	8,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS	$13,662.26

LIABILITIES - DEFERRED CREDIT - NET WORTH

Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	$ 2,944.17
Employees Payroll Deductions and Payroll Taxes	736.04
Total Liabilities	$ 3,680.21
Deferred Credit - Dues in Advance	33.00
NET WORTH	9,949.05
Total Liabilities - Deferred Credit - Net Worth	$13,662.26

Note: The above statement is part of a report dated January 22, 1959 and is subject to the comments contained therein.

MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION OF LABOR

EXHIBIT 4

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

DECEMBER 31, 1958

Affiliated organizations - November 30, 1958 (which was the date of our last audit)	767
Affiliated organizations accepted during the period	5
Total	772
Affiliated organizations lost during period	3
Affiliated organizations - December 31, 1958	769

Our audit included not only a count of the organizations affiliated with the Massachusetts Federation of Labor but included a count of the number of paying members of each organization and we found that the above 769 organizations reported and paid per capita dues on 171,587 members.

Note: The above statement is part of a report dated January 22, 1959 and is subject to the comments contained therein.

MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION OF LABOR — EXHIBIT 2

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958

Income:			
Per Capita Dues from Affiliated Locals:			
Billings		$90,189.51	
Less: Share of Dues Allocated to Committee on Education		29,833.90	
Net Dues to General Fund of the Federation			$60,355.61
Savings Bank and Bond Interest			212.50
Recovery of Bad Debts from Locals previously suspended and have since reaffiliated			46.27
1958 Year Book Advertising		$10,256.60	
Less: Commissions	$3,935.72		
Expenses	732.40	4,668.12	5,588.48
Total Income to Federation			$66,202.86
Expenses:			
Salary to Secretary-Treasurer		$10,300.00	
Salaries - Clerical		13,378.97	
Legal Adviser		3,655.32	
Convention Expenses (Includes 1957 Expense of $2,779.93 and 1958 Expense of $8,747.75)		11,527.68	
Expenses of November 23, 1957 Special Convention paid in 1958		620.23	
Rent and Light		4,620.00	
Telephone and Telegraph		1,464.06	
Travel		3,297.39	
Auditing		955.00	
Dues		132.25	
Subscriptions and Donations		1,486.50	
Executive Council Meetings and Expenses		5,054.81	
Payroll Taxes		508.10	
Messenger Service		92.95	
Office Expense		2,046.26	
Office Supplies		1,460.89	
Postage		1,151.95	
Legislative Committee Expenses		564.94	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield		387.15	
Towels and Water Expense		83.60	
Bad Debts owed by Suspended Locals		1,537.70	
Tickets		609.50	
Legislative and Advisory Committee Expense		407.87	
AFL-CIO Merger Committee Meetings and Expenses		986.06	
Advertising		237.81	
Miscellaneous		716.23	
Conference and Meeting Expenses		142.48	
Expense of Life Insurance and Retirement Program for Staff Employees of Massachusetts Federation of Labor		5,664.03	
Sales Tax Leaflets		231.20	
Newsclip Service		177.55	
Taxation Committee Expense		140.33	73,638.81
Net Loss For Year Ended December 31, 1958			($ 7,435.95)

Note: The above statement is part of a report dated January 22, 1959 and is subject to the comments contained therein.

MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION OF LABOR - EXHIBIT 3

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958

		Special Funds	General Funds	Total
Income:				
Share of Per Capita Tax Dues Allocated to this Committee			$29,833.90	$29,833.90
Pro Rata Share of Recovery of Per Capita Tax from Locals Previously Suspended by the Federation			23.32	23.32
1958 Gompers Banquet:				
Receipts	$6,504.59			
Expenses	4,310.28	$2,194.31		2,194.31
Received from Committee for Political Education - Washington, D. C.		155.50		155.50
Totals		$2,349.81	$29,857.22	$32,207.03
Expenses:				
1958 Political Campaign and Political Education Expenses		$4,967.75		
Directors Salary			$ 8,000.00	
Office Salaries			3,921.48	
Rent and Light			2,772.00	
Postage			902.60	
Telephone and Telegrams			654.65	
Office Supplies, Expense and Equipment			1,587.72	
Tickets and Donations			1,052.50	
Payroll Taxes			203.13	
Auditing			695.00	
Messenger Service			105.50	
Towels and Water			103.85	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield			249.60	
Miscellaneous			389.49	
Reporter Expenses			1,015.00	
Labor Institute Expenses	$3,276.83			
Less: Receipts	2,915.00		361.83	
Printing			215.00	
Scholarship Awards - Two			1,000.00	
Robert Watt Fellowship Awards - Two			3,000.00	
Scholarship and Fellowship Expenses			2,627.14	
Travel			699.90	
Convention Expenses			579.75	
Total Expenses		$4,967.75	$30,136.14	35,103.89
Net Loss for Year Ended December 31, 1958				($ 2,896.86)

Note: The above statement is part of a report dated January 22, 1959 and is subject to the comments contained therein.

October 7, 1958

Andrew Pettis, Vice President
IUMSWA AFL-CIO
1404 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Pettis:

The Massachusetts State CIO Council will hold its last convention at the Hotel Bradford in Boston on December 5, 1958, the day before our scheduled merger with the Massachusetts Federation of Labor.

We are planning a dinner on that day for the executive officers and board members and we hope to have as honored guests all past members of the Council who resigned to serve in top executive offices in their own national or international unions.

As one who played an important role in the Council in the past, you are cordially invited to be with us on this occasion to commemorate the fine record of outstanding achievements which you have helped to create during the more than twenty years of the Council's existence.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience whether you will be able to attend.

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger
President

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

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October 7, 1953

Andrew Fabila, Vice President
Local 471-CIO
1818 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Fabila:

The Massachusetts State CIO Council will hold its last meeting at the Hotel Statler in Boston on December 5, 1953. We say to you our cordial wishes also the Massachusetts Federation of Labor.

We are planning a dinner on that day for the executive officers and board members and we hope to have as honored guests all past members of the Council who resigned to serve in top executive offices in state and national or international unions.

As you are aware an important role in the Council in the past, you are cordially invited to be with us on this occasion to commemorate the fine record of outstanding achievements of the Council during the very than twenty years of the Council's existence.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience whether you will be able to attend.

Fraternally,

J. William Malmgren
President

Salvatore Cassella
Secretary-Treasurer

RESOLUTION ON ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS: Under a mandate stipulated at a merger of two great organizations, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, on December 5, 1955, the Massachusetts Federation of Labor and the Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council proceeded, shortly thereafter, to effectuate a merger at the state level, and

WHEREAS: after long and tedious negotiations, committees representing both state organizations agreed to merge and worked out a Constitution to govern the affairs of the new merged organization, and

WHEREAS: agreement was reached between the committees representing each organization that a joint convention for the purpose of completing merger would be held in the City of Boston on the 6th Day of December, 1958, immediately after consummation of the merger by separate conventions, and

WHEREAS: these separate conventions were held and constitutions were adopted, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this Joint Convention does hereby adopt such constitutions, with the understanding that they are subject to final approval by the National President of the AFL-CIO, and be it further

RESOLVED: that once they have been approved, representatives of both organizations here in Massachusetts shall lend their talents jointly to build, through the Massachusetts State Labor Council, a bigger and more respected labor organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to carry out the policies and the programs enunciated in the approved constitution.

EXHIBIT 1

MASSACHUSETTS C.I.O. INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1958

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	$5,595.14
Dues Receivable from Affiliated Locals	3,459.60
TOTAL ASSETS	$9,054.74

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Liabilities:	
Accrued Payroll - Net	$ 481.68
Accounts Payable	5,444.65
Employees Payroll Deductions and Payroll Taxes Payable	569.69
Total Liabilities	$6,496.02
NET WORTH	2,558.72
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	$9,054.74

Note: The above statement is part of a report of Flaherty, Bliss and Company dated January 26, 1959 and is subject to the comments contained therein.

EXHIBIT 4

MASSACHUSETTS STATE C.I.O. INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

DECEMBER 31, 1958

At December 31, 1958 there were affiliated organizations in the number of 348

At December 31, 1958 it was found that the above 348 organizations reported and paid per capita dues on 126,388 members.

Note: The above statement is part of a report of Flaherty, Bliss and Company dated January 26, 1959 and is subject to the comments contained therein.

EXHIBIT 2

MASSACHUSETTS STATE C.I.O. INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE - GENERAL FUND

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958

		Cash Transactions for Calendar Year 1958	Accruals at December 31,1958	Income and Expense for Calendar Year 1958
Income				
Per Capita Dues from Local Unions		$46,834.55	$3,459.60	$50,294.15
Contributions received for Convention		7.50	.	7.50
Voluntary Contributions to Strike Relief		215.00	.	215.00
Total Income		$47,057.05	$3,459.60	$50,516.65
Expense				
Salaries		$21,421.04	$ 432.72	$21,853.76
Office Salaries		5,840.00	140.00	5,980.00
Rent and Light		3,928.74	21.10	3,949.84
Office Supplies and Postage		2,871.17	57.95	2,929.12
Telephone and Telegraph		1,961.72	142.50	2,104.22
Audit Expense		975.00	225.00	1,200.00
Insurance		131.74	.	131.74
Travel		5,159.60	.	5,159.60
Meetings and Conferences		3,812.37	264.16	4,076.53
Promotional Lunches and Dinners		1,888.26	.	1,888.26
C.I.O. News Expenses		2,473.95	.	2,473.95
Dues and Subscriptions		526.25	.	526.25
Pamphlets, Buttons and Photos		1,135.11	54.00	1,189.11
Gifts and Contributions:				
Massachusetts Scholarship Fund	$1,000.00			
Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner	1,500.00			
Other Donations and Contri.	1,492.20	3,992.20	.	3,992.20
Social Security Taxes		1,197.63	478.65	1,676.28
Employees Hospitalization Ins.		781.10	.	781.10
Miscellaneous		37.20	.	37.20
Convention		8,084.35	4,579.94	12,664.29
Strike		620.00	.	620.00
C.I.O. Publications-Expense	$ 9,086.95			
Commissions	4,717.43			
Total Expenses	$13,804.38			
Less: Receipts	11,793.60	2,010.78	.	2,010.78
Transfer to Massachusetts C.I.O. Political Action Committee		2,579.49	.	2,579.49
Total Expense		$71,427.70	$6,396.02	$77,823.72
Net Loss For Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1958				($27,307.07)

Note: General Fund includes Per Capita Acct.,Convention, Strike Relief and Publications.

Note: The above statement is part of a report of Flaherty, Bliss and Company dated January 26, 1959 and is subject to the comments contained therein.

EXHIBIT 3

MASSACHUSETTS STATE C.I.O. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958

Income

Voluntary Contributions from Local Unions	$ 1,776.00
U.A.W. Contribution	3,000.00
Textile Workers Union of America	1,000.00
U.A.W. Contribution for Furcolo Campaign Committee	2,000.00
Transfer from Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council - Per Capita Account	2,579.49
Total	$10,355.49

Expense

Transferred to Furcolo Campaign Committee		$2,000.00	
Printing Expense		50.00	
Payment for I.U.E. - District Council (P.E. Doyle)		100.00	
Audit		25.00	
Anne Sullivan $500.00 - James Droney $500.00 - Get out the Vote		1,000.00	
Travel Expense for Campaign Canvassers		305.80	
Political Contributions to Committees:			
Mario Umana	$500.00		
Robert Murphy	500.00		
Edward McCormack	500.00		
Kevin Harrington	500.00		
Peter McCormack	400.00		
Thomas Doherty	400.00		
John O'Rourke	300.00		
Patrick Walsh	300.00		
Richard Caples	300.00		
Oswald Jordan	50.00		
Alexander Cella	50.00		
Bernard J. Foley	50.00		
John E. Flynn	50.00		
Paul Carmyre	50.00		
Cornelius Scanlon	50.00		
John Court	679.49		
James Leonard	200.00		
William Foster	200.00		
James L. O'Dea	500.00	5,579.49	
Total Expense			9,060.29
Profit for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1958			$ 1,295.20

Note: The above statement is part of a report of Flaherty, Bliss and Company dated January 26, 1959 and is subject to the comments contained therein.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Division of Industrial Accidents
18 Tremont Street, Boston 8

WHEN REPLYING
PLEASE QUOTE I.A.B.
FILE NO.
ATTENTION OF:

October 8, 1958

Mr. Salvatore Camelio, Secretary-Treasurer
Massachusetts State CIO
18 Tremont Street (Room 328)
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Camelio:

Thank you for your invitation to attend the convention at the Hotel Bradford in Boston on December 5, 1958; I shall be very happy to accept.

See you there.

Fraternally,

Sven Peterson
Commissioner

SP/EMR

Maine State Labor Archives

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Employment Security

Affiliated with the United States Employment Service

881 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston 15

Antonio England, Director

November 10, 1958

Office of the Director

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J. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State CIO
Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street - (Room 328)
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Belanger:

Thank you for your cordial invitation to attend the last convention of the Massachusetts State CIO Council at the Hotel Bradford on December 5, 1958.

I am pleased to say that I will be present. As you undoubtedly know, it is always a real pleasure for me to get together with my Union associates and I shall be looking forward to the evening of December 5th with joyful anticipation.

Fraternally,

Antonio England

Antonio England, Director

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Maine State Federated Labor Council

199 EXCHANGE STREET, BANGOR, MAINE

TELEPHONE 7438

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ALBERT PAGE
VICE PRESIDENT

DENIS BLAIS
TREASURER

November 17, 1958

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Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State CIO
Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street, Room 328
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Bill:

It is with pleasure that I accept the kind invitation extended by you and your colleagues to attend a dinner for the executive officers and board members of the Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council.

With best wishes, I remain

Fraternally,

Benjamin J. Dorsky
President

bjd/jw

CONNECTICUT STATE LABOR COUNCIL, A.F.L.-C.I.O.

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2607 WHITNEY AVENUE — HAMDEN 18, CONNECTICUT — TELEPHONE ATWATER 8-1629

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November 28, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State CIO
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Bill:

Sorry to inform you that I cannot be with you at the meeting of the Executive Officers and Board Members of the Massachusetts State CIO Council on the evening of December 5.

Unfortunately, I am making a Retreat on that weekend or otherwise I would be happy to be with you not only for the meeting but also to attend the Convention on the following day.

I hope you will understand. My best to you.

Fraternally,

Joe

Joseph Rourke
Secretary-Treasurer

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Mass State CIO Special Convention

PROGRAM

Hotel Bradford, Boston

December 5, 1958

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NOMINATIONS

President -- J. Wm. Belan ger by Joseph Salerno -- Textile

Exec. Vice Pres. Salvatore Camello by Guy Campobasso -- Rubber

Vice Pres. Edward Brunelle by Earl Riley -- I.U.E.

Vice Pres. Arthur LeBlue by Henry Lassier -- I.U.E.

" " David Murray by William Maloon -- Steel

" " Guy Campobasso by Salvatore Camelio -- Amalgamated

" " Robert Walkinshaw by Donald Ephlin -- Auto

" " Anthony Accardi by Joseph McCarthy -- Shoe

" " Jack Burns by Ronald Orcutt -- Ship

" " Joseph F. Sweeney by Michael Halkiotis -- C.W.A.

" " Richard O'Keefe by Arthur Cecelski -- Leather

" " Thomas Leone by Walter Morrissey -- Retail

" " Thomas Binnall by William Bezio -- Furniture

" " Valentine Murphy by Frank Kennedy -- Utility

" " Benjamin Magliozzi by John Craig -- Packinghouse

" " John Hunt by Robert L. Sullivan --N.M.U.

Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union

DAVID ABRAMS, DIRECTOR
DISTRICT NO. 12

AFL  CIO

717 BANKERS SECURITIES BUILDING
WALNUT & JUNIPER STREETS
PHILADELPHIA 7, PENNSYLVANIA

October 31, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State CIO
Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street - Room 328
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

Thank you for the invitation to your dinner to be held on December 5, 1958.

This is to advise you that I shall be happy to attend.

I would appreciate it if you would advise me as to the time of the dinner.

Sincerely and fraternally,

David Abrams

David Abrams, Director
District #12, OCAW-AFL-CIO-CLC

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From Gerard Kable, Director of Publications
Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Special to Saul Miller, Director of Publications
AFL-CIO, 815 Sixteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

AFL AND CIO COMPLETE

MERGER IN BAY STATE

"Resolved: That this Joint Convention does hereby adopt this constitution, with the understanding that it is subject to final approval by the National President of the AFL-CIO,- and be it further

"Resolved: that once it has been approved, representatives of both organizations shall lend their talents jointly to build, through the Massachusetts State Labor Council, a bigger and more respected labor organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to carry out the policies and the programs enunciated in the approved constitution."

The words had poured through the amplifiers in the main ballroom of the Hotel Bradford in Boston to reach everyone of the fourteen hundred delegates assembled there on the morning of December 6, 1958 -- then, seconds after R. J. Thomas, Assistant to AFL-CIO President George Meany, moved for adoption, fourteen hundred voiced roared approval and two great organizations became one to make Massachusetts the 43rd state to complete merger.

J. William Belanger, president of the defunct CIO state body, was elected to head the merged organization. Kenneth J. Kelley, secretary-treasurer of the former state AFL, was elected to the same post in the new body.

For the two offices of executive vice president, Salvatore Camelio, secretary-treasurer of the old CIO, and John Callahan,

president of the old AFL, were chosen.

The merger ended nearly three years of negotiations and created an organization that will speak for approximately 600,000 organized workers.

J. William Belanger, in his acceptance speech, paid tribute to the officials of both organizations who served with him on the Merger Committee.

"That Committee met many times during the past several months," he said, "and spent many long hours in the discussions that led to the merger agreement. There were disagreements, of course -- it could not very well be expected that there would be none.

"But we all had faith in our objective. We were all loyal to the ideals of our respective organizations. And there was a general understanding of the difficult, practical matters on which we had to find agreement."

He pointed out that the combined strength achieved through merger would make it possible for labor to make its voice heard more clearly in its demands for improvements at the state level.

"But while we interest ourselves in the problems that directly affect labor," he added, "let us be mindful of our duty to the state as a whole . . . Let us show the people that this movement -- this great organization -- is dedicated to the good of all the state, to the good of all the citizens of our great Commonwealth."

Thirty-one vice presidents, seventeen from the AFL and fourteen from the CIO, were elected to complete the 35-man executive council stipulated in the new constitution.

The four departments established are; Committee on Political Education; Education and Research; Legislative; and Publications and Public Relations. As agreed to all through merger negotiations, all staff personnel are retained.

The AFL complement on the new Council consists of: Vincent DiNunno, Laborers; Thomas J. Rush, Street Carmen; Oscar R. Pratt, Carpenters; John F. Wipfler, Quincy CLU; Jeremiah Calnan, Laborers; Manuel F. Lewis, Gloucester CLU; Joseph D. McLaughlin, Street Carmen; Lawrence J. Thompson, IBEW; William Moran, Fitchburg CLU; James P. Loughlin, Hotel & Restaurant; Ralph Roberts, ILG; Edward Wall, Federal L. U.; James R. McCarthy, Greenfield CLU; James E. Murphy, IBEW; Arthur Actil, Carpenters; Helen T. O'Donnell, Retail Clerks; and Neil MacKenzie, Bricklayers.

The CIO complement consists of: Edward Brunnelle, IUE; Arthur LeBlue, IUE; Daniel Murray, Steelworkers; Guy Campobasso, ACWA; Robert L. Walkinshaw, UAW; Anthony Accardi, Shoeworkers; John Burns, Shipworkers; Joseph F. Sweeney, CWA; Richard B. O'Keefe, Leather; Thomas Leone, Wholesale & Retail; Thomas Binnall, Furniture; Valentine Murphy, Utilities; Banjamin Magliozzi, Packinghouse; and John Hunt, Maritime.

/AFL-CIO NEWS SERVICE/

December 10, 1958

MASSACHUSETTS AFL AND CIO MERGE

Boston--AFL and CIO became one in Massachusetts as 1,300 delegates representing 600,000 workers unanimously ratified a merger agreement making the Bay State the 43rd in the union to unite.

The delegates named J. William Belanger, president of the former Massachusetts CIO, as president of the united organization, and Kenneth J. Kelley, secretary-treasurer of the former state AFL, to the same post in the new federation--the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

R.J. Thomas, administrative assistant to George Meany, AFL-CIO president, presented the AFL-CIO charter to the new officers. He described the charter as a symbol "of the dawn of a new day in labor in Massachusetts."

Thomas told the delegates that merger "is good" because unions were not built to provide jobs for leaders, but rather to advance the cause of better hours, wages and working conditions for working men and women.

Urging the new federation to work in harmony, Thomas predicted a "great future for all of labor if we work shoulder to shoulder."

John A. Callahan, AFL president, and Salvatore Camelio, CIO secretary-treasurer, were named executive vice presidents of the new council.

The following department directors were elected: Committee on Political Education, Joseph Cass; Education and Research, Francis A. Lavigne; Legislative, James A. Broyer; Publications and Public Relations, Gerard Kable.

Al Clifton, CIO legislative agent, was named general assistant to the four departments.

The merger agreements reached by the unity committees of the two organizations were ratified at separate AFL and CIO conventions preceding the joint convention on Dec. 6.

Hugh Thompson, AFL-CIO regional director in New England, said that with labor unity in the state there will be "no more running by the politicans to one side or the other," no more "making deals here and making deals there." He said there will be "only one side--that of the united Massachusetts labor movement."

Under the terms of the merger agreement, 31 vice presidents and the four general officers will comprise the council. Named vice presidents were:

Arthur Accardi, Arthur Anctil, Thomas Binnall, Edward Brunnelle, John Burns, Jeremiah Calnan, Guy Campobasso, Vincent Di Nunno, John Hunt, Arthur Le Blue, Thomas Leone, Manuel F. Lewis, James P. Loughlin, Neil MacKenzie, Benjamin Magliozzi, James R. McCarthy, Joseph D. McLaughlin, William Moran, James E. Murphy, Valentine Murphy, Daniel Murray, Mrs. Helen T. O'Donnell, Richard B. O'Keefe, Oscar R. Pratt, Ralph Roberts, Thomas J. Rush, Joseph F. Sweeney, Lawrence J. Thomson, Robert L. Walkinshaw, Edward Wall and John F. Wipfler. (12/10/58)

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St. Albans, Vt.,
November 29, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Mr. Salvatore Camelio, Secretary-Treasurer
Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street - Room 328
Boston 8, Mass.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Again in connection with your kind invitation to attend your dinner on December 5 at Club 57, Boston on the eve of your scheduled merger with the Massachusetts Federation of Labor.

After receiving your follow up letter of the 26th I have reconsidered and will be in Boston on Friday, December 5, crutches and all to attend your planned dinner. Brother James R. Cross and myself are leaving for Washington, D.C. tomorrow where we will attend meetings on Dec. 1 to 4 inclusive, and we are now planning to leave Washington the night of Dec. 4 so as to be in Boston Dec. 5.

As stated above, Bro. James R. Cross our State Secretary-Treasurer will be with me on our way back from Washington, so I presume it will meet with your approval to bring him along to the dinner. I will appreciate this as he is acting more or less as my aid in getting around. Looking forward to seeing you on Dec. 5th., I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Camille E. St. Amour

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President

The Catholic Labor Guild

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November 29, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State C.I.O.
Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Bill:

I received your invitation to give the invocation at your Convention at the Hotel Bradford on December 5th, at 10:00 A.M., and I will be very happy to do so.

Wishing you the best of success for your Convention and the merger that is to follow.

With very best wishes, and looking forward to seeing you, I am

Sincerely,

Francis J. McDonnell

Rev. Francis J. McDonnell

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St. Albans, Vt.,
November 21, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State C.I.O.
Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street - Room 328
Boston 8, Mass.

Dear Brother Belanger:

Thanks very much for your kind invitation to attend a dinner at the Club 57, Boston, Friday evening, December 5th, the eve of your scheduled merger with the Massachusetts Federation of Labor.

I have to respectfully decline your invitation as I broke my ankle about one month ago and it is still in a cast and am unable to get around to good on crutches.

Will you please convey our very best to the Officers and members of the Massachusetts State C.I.O. for the forward step by Labor in your state, we know from past experience, having been merged two years, that not only the CIO and AFL will benefit but all the people of your great State will be the beneficiaries.

Please accept our sincere congratulations and may Labor in Massachusetts continue to lead the way.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Camille E. St. Amour

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CONNECTICUT STATE LABOR COUNCIL, A.F.L.-C.I.O

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In Reply Refer to:
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NOVEMBER 14, 1958

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MR. WILLIAM J. BELANGER, PRESIDENT
MR. SALVATORE CAMELIO, SECRETARY-TREASURER
MASSACHUSETTS STATE CIO INDUSTRIAL
UNION COUNCIL
18 TREMONT STREET
BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

GENTLEMEN:

THIS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR KIND INVITATION TO MR. SVIRIDOFF TO ATTEND THE DINNER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE CIO INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 5TH.

MR. SVIRIDOFF WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND AS HE IS IN EUROPE AT THE PRESENT TIME AND IS NOT EXPECTED BACK UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER.

SINCERELY,

Hilda Frutig

HILDA FRUTIG, SECRETARY TO
MITCHELL SVIRIDOFF

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Oct.27,1958

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer
Mass.State CIO
Industrial Union Council

Dear Sal:

Your invitation to the dinner on December 5.1958 was like a shot in the arm. I am only too happy to accept it and I am looking forward to seeing all of you.Give my regards to Bill Belanger and the rest of of my friends.

As ever,

Andy Pettis

Andrew A.Pettis

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October 27, 1958

Mr. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State CIO
18 Tremont Street
Room 328
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Bill:

Thank you for you kind invitation. I will be there, (December 5th).

With best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,

John H. Callahan, Chairman
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October 30, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Mr. Salvatore Camelio, Secretary-Treasurer
Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council
Room 328 18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Brothers Belanger and Camelio:

Responding to your letter, I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I will accept your kind invitation to be present at the dinner being planned for the executive officers and board members on December 5th at the Hotel Bradford.

May I offer congratulations and best wishes to all of you for concluding a merger of the two organizations. The Massachusetts State CIO Council since its inception compiled a splendid record of outstanding achievements and I am confident the merger will result in still greater accomplishments.

With best wishes to everyone, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Angelo G. Georgian

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October 17, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Mr. Salvatore Camelio, Secretary-Treasurer
Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council
Room 328 18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Brothers Belanger and Camelio:

I have your kind invitation to attend your dinner on the occasion of the last convention of the Massachusetts State CIO Council on December 5, 1958.

I will be happy to be with you on this occasion to commemorate the fine record of outstanding achievements of the Council.

Looking forward to being with you at that time, I remain

Fraternally yours,

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October 9, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street --Room 328--
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Belanger:

I am very appreciative of your kind invitation to attend the CIO Council Dinner which is to be held on December fifth, 1958.

Please be advised that I am only too happy to avail myself of your invitation.

Fraternally yours,

John Chupka

John Chupka
General Secretary-Treasurer

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October 9, 1958

J. William Belanger, President
Mass. State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Bill:

I gladly accept your kind invitation to attend the last Massachusetts State CIO Council Convention at the Hotel Bradford, Boston, on Friday, December 5, 1958.

With kindest regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

Joseph Salerno

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November 19, 1958

Mr. Salvatore Camelio
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Massachusetts State CIO
18 Tremont Street Room 328
Boston 8, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 13th and I wish to say that I shall be delighted to join you at the affair on December 5th.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

"Tommy"

Thomas J. Pitarys
President

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October 8, 1958

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18 Tremont Street - Room 328
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Att: Mr. J. William Belanger, President

Dear Bill:

Your most cordial invitation to attend a dinner on December 5, 1958 has been received and I accept the same and plan to be with you at that time.

In looking over the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Board of the Mass. State CIO and in my discussions with Joe Cass, I am very pleased to know that you will be the first President of the combined State CIO and AFL.

I am certain that the combination of our organizations will bring decided gains to the Unions of Massachusetts and under your leadership, we shall go forward to greater representation for the labor movement in Massachusetts.

Again with thanks for your invitation and with my sincere congratulations, I remain, with kind personal regards

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

"Luke"

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November 13, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger
President, Mass. State C.I.O.
18 Tremont Street, Room 328
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

Dear Bill:

In reply to your letter of October 7, 1958, I wish to state that I will be very happy to accept your kind invitation to attend the dinner to be held on December 5, 1958 at the Hotel Bradford, Boston, Mass.

Thanking you, I am

Fraternally yours,

Earl J. Riley

Earl J. Riley, President
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October 10, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Mr. Salvatore Camelio, Sec.- Treas.
Massachusetts State CIO
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

I received your kind invitation to attend the dinner honoring all past members of the Council who are now in top executive offices of national or international unions.

I appreciate this invitation, and assure you I will be present.

With every good wish for a successful merger convention, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

Hugh Thompson
Director, Region I

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